	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
e) Scheme of District Rehabilitation Centres	Nil	15 60	No proposal received.
f) Scheme of Special Employment Exchanges/Cell	.19	.67	Nil
Social Defence.			
(a) Scheme for the Welfare of children in need of care and protection	7.26	3 67	15 57
(b) Scheme of Assistance to Voluntary Organisations for Educational work, for Prohibition, for Counselling and Rehabilitation of Alcoholics/Drug Addicts and other Victims of Social Crime	Nil	6.62	10.67
(c) Scheme of Prevention and Control of Social Mal-adjustment:	Nil	Nil	5.00
Organisational Assistance to Voluntary Organisations	Nil	3.90	2.40

Coconut cultivation

3733. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any rogramme to improve coconut cultiation in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details there-f;

(c) what is the total hectares of and under coconut cultivation and the otal production of coconut during the last three years;

(d) whether any research was done to multiply the coconut hybrids for potential yield of oil, and

(e) if so, what were the findings of uch reasearch?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Government of India through Coconut Development Board is implementing projects such as (i) roduction of Quality Planting Mate-.al; (ii) Expansion of area under oconut; (iii) Improving productivity f Coconut; and (iv) Improving Post arvest Processing of Coconut to improve coconut cultivation in the country.

(c) The latest available statistics of area and production of coconut in the country for three years are given below:

Year	Area (lakh ha.)	Production (million nuts)
1983-84	11.66	58 7.9
1984-85	11 83	6912.8
1985-86	12 09	6620 0

(d) and (e) The research undertaken by I.C.A.R at Central Plantation Crops Research Institute has resulted in standardisation of technique for production of hybrids especially DXT on commercial scale. The research work on Tissue Culture Technology for Multiplication of high yielding planting material has also been undertaken by the I.C.A.R.

Paper quota and advertisements to Registered Newspapers

3734 SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA JAYAWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of newspapers registered with the Registrar of Newspapers of India;

(b) the number of Newspapers out of those which get paper quota from Government and advertisements through the DAVP; and

(c) what are the criteria for getting paper quota and advertisements through the DAVP?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) The number of newspapers on the live register of the Registrar of Newspapers for India as on 31-12-1987 was 23,616.

(b) The number of newspapers taking newsprint varies from year to year. As many as 2,613 newspapers received newsprint during 1986-87 2,834 newspapers/journals were issued advertisements during the year 1986-87.

(c) Newsprint is allocated to the newspapers as per the Newsprint Allocation Policy announced by Government from time to time. The current Newsprint Allocation Policy was announced on 13-11-86 and a copy of the same was laid on the table of the Rajya Sabha on 17-11-86. All those newspapers journals which apply for Government advertisements and fulfil the norms prescribed by the Government and accept the rates offered are empanelled for release of Government advertisements.

Vegetable scandal in Super Bazer

3735 SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 2079 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th November, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the names and designations of officials of the Super Bazar involved in the vegetable scandal;

(b) the details of action taken against them; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H.K.L. BHAGAT): (a) to (c) The Super Bazer has reported that the name of the officer involved in the scandal is Shri Laxman Singh who was then Senior Supervisor Fruits and Vegetable Department. He has since been transferred from the Department and disciplinary action is being initiated against him.

3736 [*Transferred to the 10th December 1987*]

Harmful use of chemical fertilisers

3737. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether excessive use of chemical fertilisers is proving counter-productive, and if so, what are the details thereof and corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard;

(b) whether Government propose to encourage the use of bio-organic fertilisers and bio-fertilisers; and

(c) whether genetic bio-fertilisers are already in use in USA/USSR etc. if so, what are the reasons for slow progress made by India in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) The present level of fertiliser consumption in the country is not excessive.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Bio-fertilisers are soil and crop specific biological sources of nitrogen fixation and do not have universal application. As in USA and USSR, India also has made progress in the development of efficient strains of Rhizobium and Blue Green Algae cultures. To promote use of biofertilisers among farmers, a national project on the development and use of bio-fertiliser has been sanctioned.